

S. Yemen leader ends Oman visit

BANDAR AL-AIN (R) — South Yemen President Haidar Abu Baker Al-Ansi ended Tuesday a visit to Oman during which he signed a pact aimed at ending 20 years of hostility and border clashes. "The comprehensive agreement signed during the visit will open wide horizons for cooperation between the two brotherly states in all fields including trade, transport and oil and mineral exploration," Al-Ansi told the Oman News Agency. The two states have clashed along their border several times and diplomats last reported an incident last year, but the wide-ranging agreement signed Monday by Al-Ansi and Oman's Sultan Qaboos Ibn Said was intended to improve relations. It was the first major accord between South Yemen and Oman since they established ties in 1963 with the help of Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates. The Oman News Agency said four Omani jet fighters escorted Al-Ansi's aircraft back at the end of his four-day visit, the first by a South Yemeni president since Aden's independence from Britain in 1967. Tension between Muscat and Aden was originally triggered in the 1970s by South Yemen's support for insurgents in Oman's southern Dhofar province.

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AROUND THE WORLD...

U.S., Egypt sign tank agreement

CAIRO (AP) — U.S. Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci conferred with Egyptian leader Tuesday and signed a memorandum of understanding on co-production with Egypt of the U.S.-designed, top-of-the-line M-1A1 tank. Carlucci met with President Hosni Mubarak for an hour and later told reporters the talks were "very friendly." He said the talks, attended by Defence Minister Abdelf Halim Abu Ghazala, centred on Middle East developments and bilateral military relations, which he said were "progressing very well."

Ibn Ali names new minister

TUNIS (R) — Tunisian President Zine Al Abidine Ibn Ali named a new interior minister Tuesday to replace Habib Ammar, a close associate said by the government to be suffering from leukemia. Ammar retains the same rank of minister of state (senior minister) which he has along with the newly created post of special adviser to the president. The new interior minister is Chedli Nefati, previously secretary of state (deputy minister) at the ministry in charge of national security.

Rocket attack on Kabul kills one

MOSCOW (AP) — Twelve rebel rockets fired onto the Afghan capital of Kabul Monday and Tuesday killed one person and injured 17, the Soviet news agency TASS reported. TASS said only women and children were hit in the attack on residential neighbourhoods. No other details of the attack were given.

Angola sees Namibian freedom

LISBON (AP) — Angola President Jose Eduardo dos Santos said he expects the Namibia independence process to begin before the end of January, the Angolan news agency Agap reported Tuesday. The original Nov. 1 target date for the beginning of an independence plan was unrealistic, Agap quoted Dos Santos as saying (see related story on page 8).

U.S. awaits Iranian response to offer

KUWAIT (R) — A U.S. official said Tuesday Washington was still waiting for Iran to respond to an offer for direct talks on normalizing ties, cut since the early days of its 1979 revolution. Peter Burleigh, deputy assistant secretary of state for Near East and South-East Asian Affairs, ruled out an improvement in ties before Tehran renounced its alleged support for terrorism and helped to free Americans held hostage in Lebanon. But Burleigh reiterated an offer by President Reagan for direct talks with Tehran and said: "We are waiting for a reaction from the Iranian side."

Bomb blasts kill 17 in N. India

SRINAGAR (R) — At least 17 people were killed and 67 injured Tuesday when three bombs exploded in India's two troubled border states of Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir, police said. In one incident near the north-west Indian city of Jammu, 11 people were killed and 34 injured when a bomb exploded on a crowded bus which had set out from Pathankot in Punjab. Earlier two bombs exploded simultaneously in busy market areas of Pathankot, killing six people and injuring 16.

Irishmen plead not guilty to kidnap

ABU DHABI (AP) — Two Irishmen arrested while trying to whisk a five-year-old girl out of the country pleaded innocent to kidnapping charges, court officials said Tuesday. Gerald Flynn, 25, and Dennis Denehy, 28, appeared Monday in the criminal court of Khor Fakkan, where they were arrested two months ago while allegedly trying to kidnap Nadine Naseer. The case was adjourned until Nov. 7.

Waldheim holds talks with Kuwait leader

KUWAIT (AP) — Austrian President Kurt Waldheim held a first round of official talks with Kuwait's ruler Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah Tuesday and visited the country's oil industry headquarters at Ahmadi. The discussions, attended by senior aides to both leaders, centred on bilateral relations, the latest Middle East developments and issues of mutual interest, an official statement said.

Hijacker admits killing American, Israeli

VALLETTA, Malta (AP) — An Arab who was the only commando to survive the 1985 hijacking of an Egyptian airliner pleaded guilty to killing two women passengers: an American and an Israeli, at the Tuesday trial opening. Sixty people died in the hijacking and Egyptian army rescue assault on the Boeing 737 — the highest hijacking death toll ever. The soldiers tried to overpower the hijackers with gunfire and high-powered explosives. The Lebanese-born defendant, Omar Mohammad Ali Reza, 25, was one of three men who commanded the Egyptian plane Nov. 23, 1985, en route from Athens to Cairo.

Carbide challenges interim compensation

NEW DELHI (R) — The Union Carbide Corporation began its supreme court appeal Tuesday against interim compensation for victims of the world's worst industrial accident. Lawyer Fali Nariman, challenging the \$270 million compensation order, said it failed to take account of the possible liability of central and local government over the 1984 Bhopal gas disaster. He said a lower court hearing a \$3.3 billion compensation claim brought by the Indian government had made the order without even documenting the injuries of the victims.

Lebanese jailed for heroin smuggling

LARNACA (AP) — A Lebanese heroin smuggler betrayed by his funny walk was sentenced to four years imprisonment by a local court Tuesday. Airport narcotics agents who became suspicious detained Georges Hanna, 23, a plumber, as he was about to board a flight for Madrid Oct. 14. An X-ray check revealed he was carrying 240 grams of heroin in three small bags hidden inside his body, and two more in his shoe soles.

Kidnappers cut off part of hostage's ear

CAGLIARI, Sardinia (AP) — Kidnappers who held a prominent Rome businessman for 141 days cut off part of his right ear to press their ransom demands, officials said Tuesday. Giulio de Angelis, 56, was freed Monday night after the family reportedly paid a ransom of 3 billion lire (\$22 million), down from the original demand of 20 billion lire (\$15 million).

Students vow to raid Chun's house

SEOUL (AP) — Police remained on increased alert Tuesday as radical students vowed to go ahead with plans to raid the house of former President Chun Doo-Hwan to press for his arrest on corruption charges. Police gave no figures, but local news reports said about 10,000 students from 41 colleges took part in anti-Chun rallies or street protests Tuesday in Seoul and elsewhere. In Seoul, where Chun's house is located, about 5,000 students braved scattered rain and held campus rallies.



Royal Guards train in tae-kwon-do

HIS Majesty King Hussein, the Supreme Commander of the Jordanian Armed Forces, Tuesday attended the graduation of a batch of army officers trained in tae-kwon-do. The batch, affiliated with the Special Royal Guards Battalion, performed their skills before the King, who later presented diplomas and awards to them (photo above). The ceremony was attended by Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem, Court Minister

Adnan Abu Odeh, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and senior military officers. King Hussein also called at the Army Headquarters in Amman Tuesday and met with Sharif Zaid and senior officers. The King passed directives on matters related to the Armed Forces.

Meetings pass, amend regional development recommendations

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Tuesday chaired two working sessions of top-level officials on recommendations and actions related to tourism and development of cities and villages and the environment as social development.

The meetings approved a number of the recommendations, which were adopted by a Sept. 27-28 meeting on development in the Zarqa-Amman-Balqa region, and amended several others to be compatible with comprehensive development in all fields in areas of Jordan, keeping in view the need of actions to be oriented towards the next phase in development and to deepen the concept of central planning and

decentralisation of execution, with particular emphasis on the role of elected municipal and rural councils.

The meetings formed several working teams in various sectors to follow-up and coordinate implementation of projects and to make proposals.

The meetings were attended by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and the ministers of agriculture, agriculture, labour, finance, energy and mineral resources, supply, information, water and irrigation, health, planning, interior, public works and housing, youth, tourism and social development, the minister of state for cabinet affairs and the secretary-general of the Ministry of Planning.

King stops smoking

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein has given up smoking for good, according to a report in Sawt Al Shabab Arabic daily Tuesday.

The paper quoted the King as saying during his visit to Sawt Al Shabab that as of Nov. 1, 1988, he will give up smoking.

In a later development, Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh sent a cable to King Hussein congratulating him on this step. "The Jordanian family received the news of your giving up smoking with great delight and the decision will have a considerable contribution to the ministry of health's efforts in the field of primary health care services," the cable said.

Iraq, Iran launch new round of direct meeting

GENEVA (Agencies) — The Iranian and Iraqi foreign ministers met face-to-face Tuesday in the first joint session of their stalled peace talks since early last month.

The session, chaired by U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar came one day after the negotiations went into their third round following a four-week recess. It was only the sixth direct meeting with Iran's Ali Akbar Velayati and Iraq's Tareq Aziz since the talks began Aug. 25.

The mood seemed sober as the delegations, 18 Iranians and 14 Iraqis, sat down at the rectangular tables flanking the U.N. team.

The negotiations aim at a lasting settlement, with priority given to consolidating the ceasefire which took effect Aug. 20 after

eight years of fighting. Previous rounds were held in Geneva and in New York.

The only things they have been able to agree are the ceasefire and to hold talks on a permanent peace. But those negotiations are still stuck on the first part of the first point of the agenda, and little progress was made in separating talks with Perez de Cuellar Monday.

"Yesterday we agreed only on the programme of our activities during the week. It was not substantive discussion," Perez de Cuellar said of the talks which lasted nearly four hours. He said it was too early to say if there were new signs of flexibility.

In Riyadh, Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal said Tuesday he was confident that the Iran-Iraq negotiations would bring the Gulf region needed peace.

"We need the peace... it is a vital demand of our Arab and Islamic nations, especially as they confront a vicious assault by the enemies who are lurking to seize any opportunity to swoop," said

Saud was delivering an inaugural address to an emergency meeting of the foreign ministers of the six-state Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

The gathering of representatives of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, as well as Saudi Arabia, was summoned primarily to assist in breaking the deadlock in the Iran-Iraq talks.

According to the TV poll, Labour and Likud would each get 40 seats. Labour's allies — the Citizens' Rights Movement, Shurat and Mapam — would get a total of 11 seats and Arabs-oriented Communist Party and Progressive List for Peace an additional seven.

Likud's small allies — Tebhiya, the "Homeland" Party and Tzomet got a total of seven.

The remaining 15 seats were forecast to go to four religious parties which lean towards Likud but which have not ruled out alliance with Labour.

In the final days of the campaign, Israelis were jarred by several acts of Palestinian violence in the 11-month anti-occupation uprising including a firebomb attack that killed four people.

U.N. calls for \$70m Sudan relief

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar has called for a \$70 million emergency relief campaign to aid up to 2.5 million Sudanese people who need food, shelter, and medical attention.

The problem of the Sudanese displaced by the torrential rains of Aug. 4-5 and subsequent floods is compounded by civil war in the south, pockets of drought and famine, locust infestation and the large number of refugees in the country.

In his appeal, circulated in a document released this week, Perez de Cuellar called attention to the plight of the displaced people fleeing the civil conflict in the south.

"The condition of the displaced... is appalling. The majority of those arriving in the camps are women and children; there are few men between the ages of 12 and 40," his report said.

The air strikes followed a petrol bomb attack on a bus in the

family members have been separated and lost and are in an extremely poor state of nutrition and health.

"There are large numbers of orphans or abandoned children above six years of age; few below six years of age have survived," reported the secretary-general.

The Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) launched a rebellion in the south in 1983, demanding greater autonomy and economic reforms.

Up to 200 families a day leave the south and head for the relative safety of the north, said the report.

Perez de Cuellar said August rains inundated more than 80 per cent of Khartoum, destroying all the belongings of many people who lived in semi-permanent low-lying areas.

Providing relief for all those needing it will cost at least \$69.7 million, said the report.

Heavy water routed to India illegally

OSLO (R) — Norway said Tuesday that 15 tonnes of its heavy water, which can be used to make atomic bombs, had been illegally rerouted to India on a flight which also carried several tonnes delivered from the Soviet Union. It was the first confirmation of previous allegations in the Norwegian and foreign media, denied by India and the West German firm that purchased the water in 1983. "I can confirm that 15 tonnes of heavy water... ended up in Bombay," assistant state prosecutor for Aksel Busch told Reuters. "But we do not know what the water was used for." International regulations forbid the shipment of more than one tonne of heavy water to India, which has refused to sign the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty aimed at halting the spread of atomic weapons. India, which denies having atomic bombs, carried out its first nuclear explosion in 1974, saying it was for peaceful purposes. Norwegian authorities have been probing several international sales of heavy water, which can be used to produce plutonium and is also known as deuterium oxide. "We have established the route after talking to people involved in the transport business in West Germany and Switzerland," Busch said.

Rifai: Likud win disaster for peace

By Alistair Lyon
Reuters

AMMAN — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai said Tuesday an Israeli election victory for the right-wing Likud Party of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir would be a "recipe for disaster."



"If the Likud wins the elections and the new government implements their declared platform, namely that they consider the occupied territories as integral parts of Israel and the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza as foreigners living on Israeli soil, then obviously that is a recipe for disaster," he said.

Jordan hoped Moscow and Washington would cooperate on the Middle East as they had done to try to solve other regional conflicts around the world in the past few months, the prime minister said.

"There will be no peace process and no chance for a negotiated settlement," he said.

"This doesn't mean that if Labour wins there will be peace the next day, but at least they are willing to accept the basic principle of (U.N. Security Council Resolution) 242, which is the exchange of territory for peace," Rifai said.

"We hope that the position they take will be accepted internationally and will be a contribution to the peace process forward," he said.

Rifai said the recent meeting in Algiers among Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat and His Majesty King Hussein had been

Tie seen in Israeli elections but Likud may have edge

Politicians from both the left and right said the climate of violence could swing undecided votes to Likud.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation, in a commentary carried by its news agency, WAFA, said Shamir may have instigated the attack on a bus in Jericho "for electoral reasons."

Opinion polls had previously shown 20 per cent of the voters undecided after a campaign focusing on the future of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Election officials said the percentage of turnout was highest among Israeli settlers in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip where 85 per cent had voted by 8 p.m. analysts said these voters were likely to favour right-wing parties.

As voting was underway, Palestinians hurled flaming bottles of gasoline into a car carrying three Likud Bloc campaign volunteers in Arab Jerusalem. A 23-year-old Israeli was seriously hurt when her hair caught fire.

Police said in late afternoon that there had been 118 election violations, including about 31 scuffles around ballot boxes.

The jitters were registered in the black market where the shekel fell to 2 to 1 against the U.S. dollar, from 1.8 to the dollar. The official exchange rate is 1.6.

Polisario: Referendum unlikely before 1990

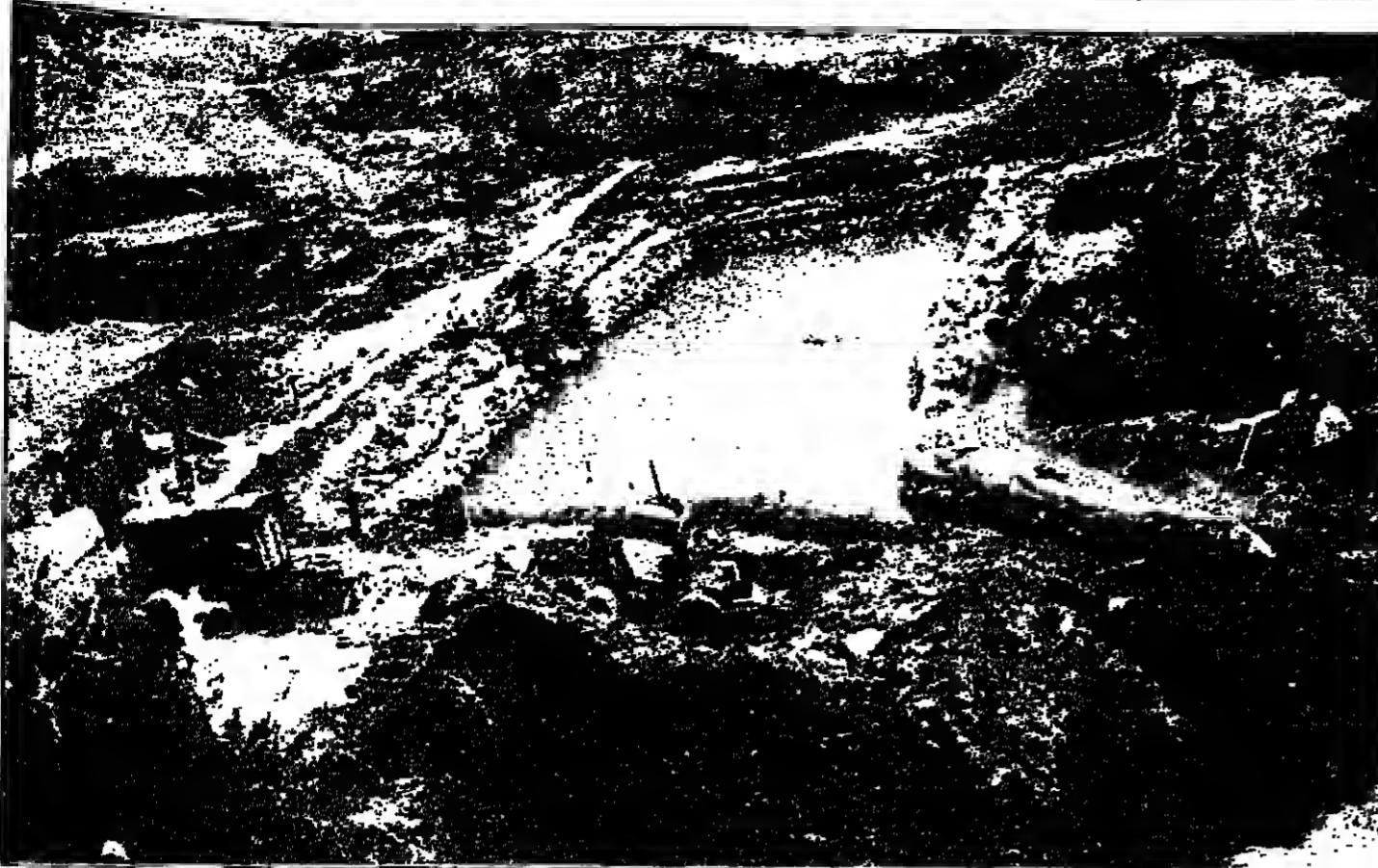
GENEVA (R) — No referendum is likely on the future of the disputed Western Sahara before February 1990, the Polisario Front, battling for independence from Morocco, said Tuesday.

Morocco refuses, saying the guerrillas are mercenaries fighting on behalf of neighbouring Algeria, and the two sides have been holding "proximity talks" with the U.N. as go-between.

No date has been set for either. Mustapha Bechar Sayed, the Polisario's number two, told reporters after meeting U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar that contentious issues still stood in the way of a final agreement which could come in February 1989.

"I think that if we hold a referendum one year after signing a definite accord we will have done a very good job," he added.

Sayed, who is in charge of external relations in the Polisario's executive committee, said providing relief for all those needing it will cost at least \$69.7 million, said the report.



Fish-farming in south Azraq is one of the small-scale industries supported by the Petra Project.

Petra Project pushes principle of 'small is beautiful' in macro-economics

By Salameh Ne'matt
and Rania Atalla
Jordan Times Staff Reporters

AMMAN — Stepping out of the elevator on the 14th floor of the Jordan Tower building, you are greeted with a sign on an office door carrying the name of the ancient Nabatean capital — Petra. The name actually stands for Private Enterprise and Technical Resources Assistance Project, a three-year, \$10 million project that aims at launching and improving private businesses that fail to hold the interest of risk-conscious commercial banks.

Since the establishment of the project two years ago, the handful of staff working in the high-rise Petra offices have processed over 800 applications from citizens of all over the Kingdom. At least 61 of these applications have been approved. These enterprises range from hotel training to shoe-polish manufacturing to small-scale fish-farming to rug-weaving.

Financed by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the project is a clear manifestation of the principle of "small is beautiful" in macro-economics.

In terms of per-capita investment, these projects employ a larger number of people for the money invested, generate revenues to involved individuals and ultimately, promote the private sector's role in the economy.

The 1986-1989 programme came at a time when the government was beginning to shift the focus to the private sector as the engine of growth in the national economy. Over the past three

years, the government has taken steps towards boosting exports, encouraging investments and liberalising the local market, in a bid to encourage the private sector to play a larger role in the economy under a better investment climate and conditions.

The Petra project, coordinated with several government ministries and institutions, provides expert consultations and studies that encourage sound, sustainable business ideas, contributing to productivity, employment, and foreign exchange earnings.

The programme works as follows: Interested individuals or groups submit proposals to the Petra office for preliminary technical and financial analysis. Proposals accepted by the Petra staff are presented to a nine-member committee for final decision. The committee, which takes into consideration the project manager's and analyst's recommendation, consists of a representative each from the following institutions:

The Ministry of Planning, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the Central Bank of Jordan, the Industrial Development Bank, the Cities and Villages Development Bank, the Agricultural Credit Corporation, the Chamber of Industry and the head of the USAID mission to Jordan.

Financing is divided between grants and loans, and on a cost-sharing basis. Loans are based on cash flow analyses, rather than on collateral, and are only available where traditional lending institutions refuse assistance.

One of the latest projects approved and financed by Petra is

the establishment of a Jordanian Exporters Association, which groups 25 distinguished businessmen in the various fields of industry and agriculture. According to Petra's Project Manager Hafam Khaire, the non-profit association was supported because it aims at fostering and supporting exports of Jordanian private sector commodities and services.

The association also aims at gathering information essential for exporters with regards to foreign markets, distribution channels, international trade regulations and technical specifications and standards.

Khaire said Petra provided the project with JD 77,000 in grants to cover the administrative function of the association for the next three years, while the founders will put about JD 82,000 which is coming from the members' initiation and subscription fees.

Membership in the association will be opened for interested businessmen after the association establishes itself.

"We feel that this is an excellent project because it fosters Jordanian exports of agricultural produce, industrial products and services," Khaire told the Jordan Times. "This will open new job opportunities and generate foreign currency for the Kingdom."

Another recently-approved enterprise is the first National Centre for Occupational Therapy. Applicants for this project were a consortium of charitable societies whose aim is to establish a very much needed centre of this type, as an essential part of the health services system in the country.

Khaire explained that occupational therapy is related to rehabilitation, involving people of all ages and different abilities and backgrounds. "It focuses on the treatment of physical and psychological conditions through specific activities to help people reach their maximum level of function and independence in all aspects of daily life," he added.

There are only two occupational therapists in Jordan. The centre will train as many as 30 therapists. Petra provided JD 36,000 as a grant for the JD 150,000 centre, and the remaining funds will be paid by other sources including the European Community, the General Union of Voluntary Societies, the British Council and private individuals.

According to the project manager, part of Petra's objective is to preserve the country's cultural heritage and to enhance women's productivity in society.

Petra has provided a JD 125,500 grant to Noor Al Hussein Foundation to promote and develop the handicraft industry in the Kingdom. It hopes to expand the market for traditional Jordanian handicrafts, craft techniques and stimulating appreciation for them, creating employment for involved communities, improving the quality of contemporary handicrafts in addition to coordinating among the various organisations presently engaged in crafts production.

Khaire said the project will establish a "national handicraft committee" to advise producers on marketing strategies by monitoring the market and responding to its needs.

Another major activity is the establishment of a multi-purpose handicraft marketing and development centre which would focus on developing new products, designs and focus on domestic and export sales, and skill and management training. It will also develop and diversify marketable products such as embroidery. The project is hoped to create new job opportunities in training management, retail sale and marketing.

"A large number of these jobs are for women," Khaire commented. "It will also create large volumes of part-time employment, generating additional income for families," he said the Bani Hamida rug-weaving project has created jobs for 250 women.

He explained that the problem with the handicraft industry is that all charitable societies manufacture handicrafts but cannot market their products. "The purpose of the project is to organise and coordinate their work to prevent duplication. It will assist practically every organisation in the field."

On the criteria adopted to determine which projects receive grants and which get loans, and on what terms, Khaire said that priority in offering grants goes to non-profit organisations that help develop remote and underdeveloped areas in the Kingdom.

He said interest charged on loans ranged between zero and eight percent. "The ratio of grant to loan in any given project depends on the concept and extent of innovation, job opportunities, and the promotion of the role of women on the quality of applications for grants or loans."

Khaire said applicants usually bring in basic studies which are usually enough to determine whether or not the project meets the general criteria.

The Petra staff then carry out more extensive and detailed studies if needed before submitting the project for approval by the Petra committee.

On another Petra grant involving Khaire said the Salt Development Corporation has received a \$148,500 grant for the renovation of the old city of Salt and its historic character. He said that there are plans to renovate the old town area, to preserve it and stimulate private sector enterprise, and subsequently, improve the socio-economic well-being of its residents.

To date, Petra has allocated funds in grants and loans estimated at JD 996,000 for private businesses. They were distributed as follows: 38 projects received a total grant value of JD 591,000, twenty three projects received JD 405,000 in loans, bringing the total to 61 projects.

The grants are normally provided to non-profit organisations, training projects, cultural activities, technical assistance and feasibility studies.

Petra's project analyst Azmi Tubbah said Petra was the first to respond to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan's call for a new approach to venture capital investment by financial institutions.



Petra Project covers Jerash Festival activities which aims at promoting the country's heritage.

He said Petra has agreed to finance a new venture capital project under which a financial agency for technology development would become a shareholder in a financial company to make it more profitable through more advanced technology. The venture capital would pull out of the company once it was profitable and had gone public.

He said the same approach could be applied to develop generic software technology or computer assembly.

"In the long run, the new formula is hoped to establish Jordan as a mid-level technology centre. Tubbah said Petra was, in effect, helping many individuals and organisations who are incapable of undertaking such projects due to financial constraints or difficulties in the transfer of technology.

Petra projects also cover raising livestock, the pickle industry, mosquito killer tablets, a rubber sweeper factor, Jerash Festival activities, tourism information and other innovative projects helping the tourism industry in addition to documenting tourist and antiquity sites in Jordan.

Of the total number of projects approved by the Petra staff and presented to the committee for approval, 75 per cent are en-

dedicated to financial constraints and growing unemployment.

Petra aims at directing investment to improve productivity and marketing, to increase private sector investment in productive sectors and to increase employment as a result of improved productivity and increased private sector investment," a USAID publication says.

"Improved private sector productivity is essential to reducing the cost of manufacturers, agricultural produce and business services and to making Jordan more

marketing, greater investment and a broader economic base are meant to lead to more employment opportunities for Jordan's well-educated population.

Despite positive public reaction to the idea behind the Petra project, questions remain as to whether the project will be renewed for another three-year term. Neither USAID, nor the Petra staff or the government, would predict that the project would go further than September 1989, the end of the three-year programme.



Save the Children's Bani Hamida rug-weaving project is funded by Petra Project to enhance women's productivity in society and preserve Jordan's cultural heritage.

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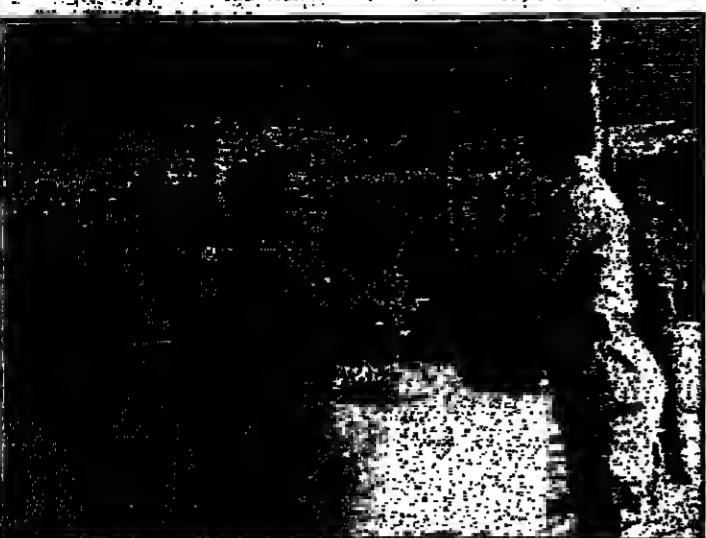
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His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Tuesday presents certificates to armed forces personnel who underwent a special course in security (Petra photo).

Prince Hassan attends graduation of officers

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Tuesday attended a ceremony for the graduation of group of army officers who have completed training in security and protection skills.

The graduates presented a performance of their skills and practical exercises as well as target shooting exercises on stationary and mobile targets. Prince Hassan later distributed certificates and awards to the officers.

The ceremony was attended by Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and senior military officers.

NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

CONDOLENCES: His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday delegated the Karak governor to convey his condolences to Allawi family on the death of the late Mahmoud Allawi (Petra).

PRINCE RA'AD VISITS VTC: Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'ad Ibn Zaid Tuesday called at the Vocational Training Corporation (VTC) where he was briefed about its activities by the chairman of the board of directors (Petra).

IRBD DIVIDED INTO 7 ZONES: Irbid Municipal Council Sunday took a decision, whereby the city will be divided into seven zones for the purposes of providing better municipal services to citizens, and to facilitate the process of street naming and numbering (Petra).

BADRAN LEAVES FOR IRAQ: Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources Secretary General Ibrahim Badran Tuesday left for Baghdad for talks with Iraqi officials on means of enhancing bilateral cooperation in the field of energy (Petra).

TECHNICAL AID MANAGEMENT: A regional symposium on technical cooperation, organised by the Arab Organisation for Administrative Sciences, in cooperation with the World Bank's Economic Development Institute, continued its meetings in Amman and discussed a working paper on institutional dimensions of the technical aid management (Petra).

KAYED TO HEAD TEAM TO TUNIS: The Free Zones Corporation Director General Yasin Al Kayed will represent the corporation in the four-day pan-Arab conference of businessmen and investors, due to be held in Tunis Saturday (Petra).

COURSE ON ENERGY PLANNING: A six-week training course on energy planning in the Arab World, organised by the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources in cooperation with the European Community and the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, was held at the Jordan Electricity Authority Tuesday (Petra).

PETRA RECEIVES THANKS: The Housing Corporation Tuesday voiced appreciation to the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, for its coverage of the symposium on reduction of housing costs, which was held under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan on Oct. 17 (Petra).

CAEU CHIEF LEAVES FOR KUWAIT: Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) Secretary General Hassan Ibrahim Tuesday left for Kuwait for a two-day visit, during which he will hold talks with Kuwaiti officials on the CEAU general secretariat activities and pan-Arab economic issues, in addition to the agenda of the forthcoming session of the council which will be held in Amman next month (Petra).

CIVIL AVIATION TALKS: Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority Mahmoud Jamal Balqas discussed with his Turkish counterpart Esmat Ariston bilateral relations and prospects of increasing the number of the Royal Jordanian flights to Turkey with a view to promoting tourism between both countries (Petra).

INFLUENCE OF MEDICINE: A seminar on the influence of information media on culture in the Arab World which is being held in Cairo Tuesday reviewed a working paper submitted by Dr. Hisham Ghassib from the Royal Scientific Society (RSS). In his paper entitled "international information media: the danger or a challenge?" Ghassib discussed different theories projected by the information media in modern societies and the effect of mass media on social life.

Ma'an begins educational projects worth JD 420,000

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Education has embarked on the construction of a number of educational projects in Ma'an Governorate at a total cost of JD 420,000, the Ma'an Education Department sources said Tuesday.

The projects include the construction of two schools in Al Qa'a and Ruwais at a cost of JD 100,000 each and a third compulsory school in Nawafich neighbourhood in Wadi Mousa sub-district at a cost of JD 220,000.

The Education Department has also constructed 8 houses for teachers at a total cost of JD 55,000 in the governorate's villages.

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

ART EXHIBITIONS

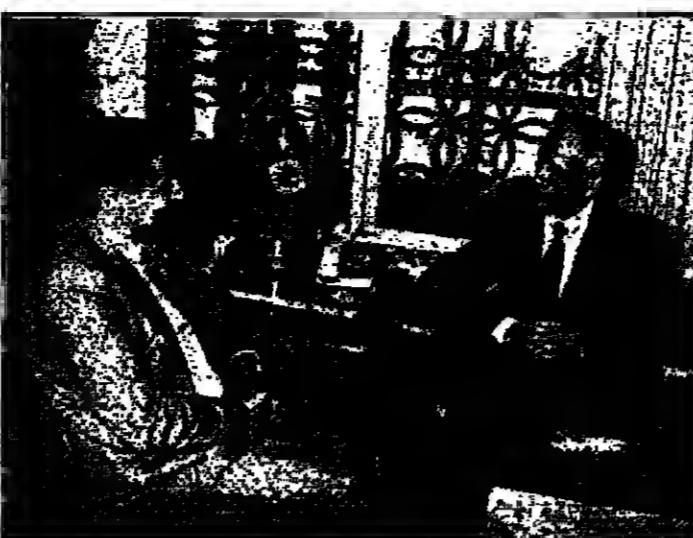
- ★ A painting exhibition by Sudanese artist Mohammad Khalil, at Al Wasit Gallery, Plaza Hotel.
- ★ An art exhibition by Ahmed Na'wash at the French Cultural Centre.
- ★ A plastic art exhibition by Iyad Al Maari at the Housing Bank Complex.

OTHER EXHIBITIONS

- ★ A book exhibition at the civilian wing of Mivt's University.
- ★ Islamic book exhibition at the Islamic Cultural Centre for Men in Karak.
- ★ A library cultural festival at the public library in the Municipal Building of Karak, Ajloun — 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

LECTURE

- ★ A lecture in French on the origins of man by Denis Geraud at the French Cultural Centre — 6:00 p.m.



Lawzi receives Tunisian envoy

Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Ahmad Lawzi confer in his office Tuesday with Tunisian Ambassador to Jordan Mohammad Al Manji Al Habib. They discussed Jordanian-Tunisian relations and cooperation in parliamentary affairs (Petra photo).

Arab Red Crescent societies to discuss aid to Palestinians

AMMAN (Petra) — A five-day meeting by Arab Red Cross and Red Crescent societies, which is due to open in Cairo on Saturday, is expected to discuss means of providing assistance to the Palestinian people under Israeli rule, according to Jordan National Red Crescent Society (JNRCS) President Ahmad Abu Qoura.

Abu Qoura said in a statement on leaving for Cairo that the delegates will also discuss assistance to Arab societies affected by natural and other disasters, and the establishment of a documentation and research centre as well as cooperation among Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross societies.

Abu Qoura said he will submit a working paper to the meeting dealing with the international humanitarian law. The activities of Arab societies in North Africa and the Middle East as well as cooperation between the International Committee of the Red Cross and Arab Red Crescent societies will be among the other topics at the meeting.

ENVY TO URUGUAY: The cabinet Tuesday endorsed the appointment of Wael Tonqan, Jordan's ambassador to Chile, as Jordan's non-resident ambassador to Uruguay (Petra).

New training course begins on school health

AMMAN (J.T.) — A two-week training course on school health concluded Tuesday at Zarqa Health Department and a new and similar two-week course started the same day with 12 nurses participating.

The health education programme was the main subject of discussion at a meeting held Sunday between Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and regional directors of the World Health Organisation's East Mediterranean Region (WHO) Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa Richard Reid and the United Nations

Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Mohammad Ibrahim Kazem.

The three directors also discussed this subject with Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh and Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Thouqan Hindawi.

Jordan is one of five Arab countries where this project is going to be implemented according to a press release issued by UNICEF regional office in Amman.

The other four Arab countries are Egypt, Sudan, Morocco and Bahrain.

CDD marks Prophet's Birthday

AMMAN (Petra) — Civil Defence Director Khalid Tarawneh Tuesday attended a celebration held by the CDD to mark Prophet Mohammad's birthday at which he spoke, stressing that adherence to the regulations of Islam is the source of the strength of the Muslim nation.

The Prophet's leadership of the Muslim nation achieved a qualitative leap in their progress he pointed out after decades of ignorance and an absence of the rules and regulations that govern the relations between the various elements of the society.

Also addressing the celebration

were the CDD Deputy Director General Mahmoud Al Tal and the Armed Forces Mufti Sheikh Nooh Sulaiman who said that celebrating this occasion means belonging to the Prophet and following the approach he charted.

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Postpone Shatt Al Arab

IRAN and Iraq resumed their peace talks in Geneva Monday amid fears that the fragile ceasefire between them could break down. While the two armies are in some regions separated by a mere twenty metres, the gap between the two antagonists in their negotiating positions is much wider.

A sticking point remains the contentious issue of the Shatt Al Arab waterway which flows between the two countries, leaving the two sides virtually stranded at the first part of paragraph one of U.N. Resolution 598. Lack of progress thus far on the Shatt Al Arab waterway has effectively prevented the implementation of the other operative paragraphs of Security Council Resolution 598, which call for withdrawal of troops to international boundaries and the exchange of prisoners of war.

What could resolve this thorny problem is determination of the legality of the Algiers accords. Iraq asserts that the treaty has been rendered null and void, by the war, while Iran maintains that that treaty is still valid and its provisions on the boundary line between the two countries in that waterway are operative. It would be naive to resort to a strictly legal adjudication of this point at this stage of the negotiations in view of the extent of the devastation, both human and material, that was caused by the eight years of war. The Iran-Iraq war has created new facts and established new realities that need to be reckoned with in good faith.

If the two parties have thus far failed to bridge the gap between them on this issue, it would seem sensible to resort to arbitration on the basis of all relevant issues of fact and law. This scheme has become all the more imperative in the light of the failure of the compromise formula introduced by the U.N. secretary general to put the negotiations on track again.

May the Shatt Al Arab waterway become a waterway of friendship and cooperation between the two countries instead of a sour point derailing all efforts to bring peace and harmony to the Gulf region. When peace and tranquillity reign supreme in the Gulf the differences between the two states on sovereignty over the Shatt Al Arab waterway would become less problematic.

That is why a sound approach to this dilemma can be had by jumping over the issue of sovereignty for the time being and begin the process of dredging the Shatt and then proceed to other salient points of Resolution 598.

We have cause to believe that the goodwill generated by the implementation of the other provisions of the resolution would provide the favourable climate to resolve the most contentious issue of all, namely, the sovereignty issue over the waterway.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i newspaper discussed the Israeli elections in its Tuesday's editorial and expressed the view that these elections would not result in a change in the present setup of the political parties and their future actions. Observers believe that the elections would not bring about any change in the present Israeli policies with regard to the occupied Arab territories or peace with the Arab states, the paper added. It said that the leaders of the two major parties, the Likud and Labour, have been issuing promises and statements during the election campaign merely to win the votes of the electorate. A detailed study of statements by the leaders of the two major parties will reveal that neither of them is willing to reach genuine peace, or end Israel's occupation of Arab land, the paper noted. The paper concluded by saying that as long as the Israelis continue to remain oblivious of the facts and realities in the Middle East and as long as Israeli parties remain committed to their present policies there can be no point of expecting any constructive action that would have direct bearing on the future of the occupied land.

Al Dostour daily tackled the same subject and said the elections Tuesday followed a long series of charges and counter charges and accusations by leaders of the two major parties. The current uprising and the recent resistance activity inside the occupied territories were no doubt instrumental in heating up the debates and increasing the exchange of verbal attacks between the Likud and the Labour, the paper noted. Indeed the uprising will be on the mind of all the Israelis as they cast their ballots Tuesday to elect the new Knesset members for the coming four years, the paper added. It said that the recent stepping up in Israeli repressive measures, countered by an escalated resistance campaign on the part of the Arabs coupled with the demolition of the homes of Arab resistance men, can by no means be forgotten by the electorate before or after election day. Therefore, the paper concluded, regardless of the election results, the future government of Israel will have to deal directly with the uprising and its consequences.

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Reversing the trend

Writing in Al Ra'i Arabic daily columnist Mahmoud Al Rimawi reflects on the Arab bomb attack on an Israeli bus near Jericho which resulted in the death and injury of several Israelis. The Israelis, he says, have come to Palestine as mercenaries to carry out all sorts of crimes and atrocities against the Arabs in general and the Palestinians in particular. Zionist leaders have always said that a good Palestinian is a dead Palestinian and have directed their troops and armed settlers to dispose of the Arab inhabitants by any available means, the writer adds. By killing Arabs and demolishing their homes, the Israelis have never felt any remorse, neither did they ever show any mercy on the oppressed people in any of their election campaigns or their political statements, he says. But the attack on the Israeli bus near Jericho seems to have reversed the equation for the Zionists who have killed and maimed thousands of Arab civilians, says the writer. The attack, he adds, served as a taste for the Israelis of their own crimes and their evil doings in occupied Palestine.

Chadli on course for vote of confidence

By Jonathan Clayton
Reuter

RABAT — By sacking his unpopular deputy a few days ahead of a referendum on political reform, Algerian President Chadli Benjedid has smoothed the way to a resounding vote of confidence in his leadership.

Analysts say the replacement of Mohammad Cherif Messaadia

batch of political changes offered by Chadli to end bloody riots earlier this month.

A high turnout and "yes" result have been seen as essential to restore Chadli's prestige, battered by the violence in which the government says 159 people died and 154 were injured.

Analysts say the replacement of

the top man in the ruling National Liberation Front (FLN) after the president — was aimed at demonstrating the changes would not be cosmetic.

Messaadie, said by many Algerians to be deeply disliked by the man in the street, was the most prominent of anti-reform party diehards who stand to lose out if the FLN's grip on power is

weakened.

During the riots, groups of youths — many unemployed — chanted anti-Messaadie slogans while they looted and burned FLN and government buildings.

Many were born long after independence from France in 1962 — won by FLN fighters in a struggle which has remained the basis of the party's claim to

power.

"He was a symbol. His departure will not be lost on the Algerian people. It says a great deal about how serious Chadli is about real reform," a North African analyst resident in Algiers told Reuters by telephone.

Messaadie's dismissal was announced in a terse statement carried by the official APS news agency Saturday. It said simply he had been "called to other

He has proposed immediate changes to the constitution to make the prime minister and government answerable to the elected national assembly. These are to be put to the people for popular approval on November 3.

Political analysts and diplomats say the outcome of the vote was never serious in question, but the shake-up at the top would probably result in a higher turnout and fewer abstentions.

This week, Chadli outlined more measures increasing democratic control of the party, allowing non-party members to stand for elections, and removing professional organisations from the control of the party.

But he disappointed many Algerians by stopping short of allowing rival political parties. University teachers said in a statement the new reforms were insufficient and called for the release of all political prisoners.

The second batch of measures go before a FLN congress in December — only the sixth since independence. A second referendum will be held on the final package early in the new year.

Messaadie's replacement Abdul Hamid Mehri — a former ambassador to France and currently Chadli's representative to Morocco — takes over as the head of an all-important committee preparing the ground for the congress.

Analysts say Chadli's plan has clearly been to go into that congress strengthened by the result of the first referendum and the prospect of a second.

"He has boxed the opposition in between two popular votes. The people and Chadli are united against elements in the party and he is appealing to the people over their heads," a Western diplomat said.

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functions."

General Medjoub Lakhal Ayat, head of an internal security organisation, was also fired. Both men have been replaced by close associates of Chadli who has sought to use the street violence to strengthen his hand against opponents to change.

Some Turks believe the government's decision on mourning Ataturk is long overdue.

National symbol

"This novel approach should have been taken about 25 years ago. On past November 10s some people went to video shops to get pornographic and other films because there was nothing else to do in the evening," one Turkish official said.

Mustafa Kemal, who took the name Ataturk (father Turk) in 1934, is revered by most Turks in a way many foreigners find surprising.

His portrait hangs in every schoolroom and public office, and his sayings are engraved in gold on countless marble slabs.

To lay a wreath at the austere but serene Ankara hilltop mausoleum to Ataturk is obligatory for most visiting officials.

To refuse, as Iranian Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi did in mid-1987, invites vehement press and political protests.

In a museum at the mausoleum visitors can see Ataturk's toilet kit, his tuxedo, general's uniform, other possessions and gifts from many world leaders of his time.

Bust of Ataturk, with broad forehead and staring gaze, adorns towns, villages and many entrances to public offices.

His teachings are virtually unquestioned by a people that regards him as a figure binding a nation often given to bitter political feuding.

One of his sayings, "sovereignty belongs unconditionally to the nation", is written above the speaker's position in the parliament.

"In the political sense he is still very important and no civilised government can survive if it does not acknowledge Ataturk," one official said.

"He is a very important symbol," he said. "The symbol influences all people looking towards the West and makes them proud to be Turkish."

"Peace in the country, peace in the world," another of Ataturk's sayings, is a guiding principle of foreign policy.

Turkey's armed forces, the largest in the NATO Western alliance after the United States, are sensitive about Ataturk and see themselves as the chosen ones to preserve his ideals.

The armed forces intervened in Turkey three times between 1960 and 1980 when they believed Ataturk's vision of democracy was endangered.

To mark the 50th anniversary of Ataturk's death, an "Ataturk commemoration week" featuring seminars and symposia will be held from November 7.

TRT plans a series on Ataturk for the anniversary. It will look at topics such as "Ataturk and the national struggle", "Ataturk and education" and "Ataturk as a soldier."

It was as a soldier that Ataturk made his name when Turkish forces beat back an allied landing force at Gallipoli in 1916.

After World War I, he led the struggle to establish an independent Turkish state following the collapse of the Ottoman Empire. He declared the Turkish Republic in 1923.

OPEN FORUM

Leave them alone

I am fortunate to be able to communicate my thoughts to your readers. I spent many days writing this article. It comes from the heart and I feel the urge to write as a concerned Arab American, who physically and emotionally went through most of these events since the partition of Palestine in 1947. The continuous war in Palestine is felt all over the world. It is time to think of new peace concepts for yours and all people. I am grateful for the opportunity to write to you.

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THE PALESTINIANS have suffered and continue to suffer immensely at the hands of their occupiers since the turn of this century. They were deprived of independence, and paid dearly for no crimes of their own, always struggled to attain freedom to run their lives freely from occupiers, whenever they may be. The present occupiers are blind to the fact that they are unwanted. These strangers covet the land without the people. To reach their goals, they have implemented means to continuously terrorise the inhabitants to pre-empt the land from Arab ownership. Arabs massacred at Deir Yassas 1948, in Koser Qasem 1956 and in Samu 1966 are unpleasant reminders. Examples can be cited of how Palestinians endured the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. The Palestinians were robbed of every aspect of dignity and freedom. Witness their bridge-crossing over the Jordan River, returning for an emotional visit to their homes under Israeli control, you will observe Israeli security strip-search all Palestinians, women and men of all ages. All Arabs are singled out for this embarrassing and inhumane treatment, in spite of the fact that they might possess USA passports.

During twenty years, the Israeli rule has stamped Palestinian growth. No real progress has been made under occupation. The Palestinians are prevented from developing their own economical, cultural, and political institutions. Possessing a Palestinian emblem is severely punished. Occupation has stifled all forms of indigenous institutions, and prevented establishing a technical or an engineering university. Not a single hotel was built during the years of occupation. Thus Israeli guides hurry the tourists through Arab communities. Instead, guides instruct their visitors to spend their time and money in modern Israeli cities. Other activities such as social, drama, and literary clubs were forbidden. This forced the people to practice secretly their folk dancing, and sing their ballads, which were true expressions of their love for their land and their leaders. Occupation has been a nightmare which is hurting everyone. The young don't sleep in peace, because of night searches and arrests. Thousands of teenagers, interrogated by the Israeli police, ended up in jails and were prevented from an education and livelihood.

The Palestinian dreams are simple and real. They dream of smelling air on top of their mountains and down in the valleys. They dream of swimming in the Jordan River, the Dead Sea, Lake Tiberias, even the Mediterranean Sea. These dreams will not come true, because the land is a military zone and Arab movement is severely restricted. The Arabs have stopped breathing freely under occupation. They risk the wrath of Israeli soldiers, if caught without special permits. This racial identity card was issued immediately by Israel after the 1967 war, without regard to the thousands of Palestinians who were caught inadvertently living, working, and studying outside the occupied land. These are some conditions Arabs have endured in the West Bank and Gaza during twenty years of occupation. In essence, the people have been forced to stop functioning as human beings with explicit desire to live. Occupation masked the civil desire of the conqueror: to hold onto the land, to remove its people, to erase their culture, language and history.

These schemes propelled the indigenous population to repeat aggression in the form of civil disobedience, since December 1987. This is the intifada, an uprising which was brewing since occupation commenced in 1967. History has taught us a lesson, that military rule, synonymous to oppression, is doomed to failure. Furthermore, an encounter movement, sooner or later, will courage and self-sacrifice. Its purpose is to erase Israeli rule over gain momentum to challenge oppression. This intifada is an act of the Arab population. The Palestinians are suffocating in their land. They are proud and patient. The occupiers tear gas is hurting and killing innocent women and children in the Holyland. This uprising is a noble disobedience. It will prevail, as did others, hundreds of years ago. Invaders come and go. As a reminder, the Crusaders from Medieval Europe lost after a 200 years sojourn in Palestine. The Crusaders of the twentieth century, if not careful, might fold and give up in failure. The courageous Palestinians are rebelling with simple means; challenging the mightiest conqueror. Their demands are simple: Leave us alone, so we can live and die in peace. Return our land which was confiscated. Don't spread our trees. Don't demolish our houses. Our women and children are being injured and killed daily by your soldiers. Our women and children are screaming loudly for the world to see and hear. Our request is simple: Let the Palestinians be free; stop killing them, and leave them alone.

Latin leaders seek new deal with United States

By Bernd Debusmann
Reuter

PUNTA DEL ESTE, Uruguay — With the U.S. presidential election just 10 days away, Latin American leaders waved goodbye to Ronald Reagan over the weekend and asked his successor to treat them with more consideration.

A summit of seven presidents in this Atlantic coast resort laid emphasis on what many Latins consider to have been costly U.S. policy failures during Reagan's tenure, bequeathing mistrust and resentment to the winner of the November 8 ballot.

The summit grouped the presidents of Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela — whose populations account for about 80 percent of Latin America's 400 million inhabitants.

The meeting of the so-called Group of Eight Latin American democracies (Panama was suspended last February after military强人 Manuel Antonio Noriega ousted President Eric Delvalle) was the second of its kind.

The previous one in Acapulco, Mexico, last November was the first such high-level gathering to which the United States, the dominant power in the hemisphere, was not invited.

Washington's representatives were shut out this time, too.

After much criticism of Reagan policies in public speeches, the final document of the Punta del Este summit said: "Relations between Latin America and the United States are going through... challenges which require new political capacity."

It added: "Differences of interest and perceptions have not allowed for... wide and fair cooperation. Therefore, it is necessary to encourage a climate of confidence and understanding."

Latin diplomats say Reagan tended to view Latin America in the context of East-West conflict rather than deal with the region on its own terms and take due account of national sensitivities.

Diplomatic courtesy protected Reagan from being mentioned by name here, but his Soviet counterpart Mikhail Gorbachev earned praise in presidential speeches.

Sarney, who visited Moscow earlier this month, said: "I found in him (Gorbachev) a very positive inclination for dialogue and cooperation."

Peru's Alan Garcia went out of his way to praise the *glasnost* and *perestroika* policies of the Soviet leader.

The leaders of Latin America's major countries have been careful not to take sides publicly during the U.S. election campaign, but it is no secret that many Latins feel relations with the United States would take a turn to the better under a Democratic administration.

One senior European diplomat here said the "Declaration of Uruguay" could be read as a warning to Vice President George Bush that perpetuating Reagan's policies would invite friction.

Bush, currently ahead in opinion polls against Democrat Michael Dukakis, favours sending more military and economic aid to right-wing insurgents fighting for the overthrow of the Nicaraguan government.

U.S. aid for the contra rebels has been one of the most sensitive

issues in Latin-U.S. relations. In the eyes of its southern neighbours, Washington never gave peace a chance and pressed for military solutions in Nicaragua despite regional efforts to settle the conflict peacefully.

The summit communiqué noted that progress towards peace in Central America — there is currently a ceasefire in the Nicaraguan war — had come through Latin American rather than U.S. initiatives.

The evolution of the crisis has shown that the... use of force fuels war and instability, violating the principles and norms of international coexistence," the document said.

Five of the seven presidents who met here are due to leave office during the next 12 months, but officials said the broad lines

NEWS IN BRIEF

Iraq resumes weather forecasts

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraqi timed in Monday to one of the more unexpected pleasures of peace — the weather forecast. No official explanation was ever given for halting weather forecasts during the eight years of war with Iran, but political sources said it was thought they could have helped Iran in its air or missile attacks on even the timing of ground offensives. A ceasefire ended fighting on August 20 and the two countries resumed talks in Geneva on Monday on a permanent peace settlement. The first forecast from the official Iraqi news agency INA could hardly have been faulted — fine, with a high in Baghdad of 25c (77F).

Locusts invade Basra

BAGHDAD (AP) — The ministry of irrigation and agriculture said Monday that swarms of desert locusts invaded the southern city of Basra. A report on the state-run television said six separate clouds of the crop-devouring insects were in the city, but the ministry was using helicopters to bring the situation under control. No further details were immediately available. Locusts can eat twice their body weight every day, so the swarms are often sprayed with insecticides to keep them from reaching agricultural areas. Locusts from Sudan and Ethiopia have swept across the Arabian peninsula in the past two weeks.

Cypriot leaders to meet de Cuellar

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The leaders of the divided Greek and Turkish communities on Cyprus will meet U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar in New York on Nov. 22-23 to plan a second round of reunification talks, U.N. officials said Monday. Spokeswoman Nadia Younes told reporters that Georges Vassilios, president of the Republic of Cyprus and Rauf Denktaş, president of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, had accepted the secretary-general's invitation to meet him. "The purpose of the meeting will be to review the developments during the first round of talks which began on Sept. 15 in Nicosia, and to agree on the approach and the programme for the second round of talks," she said.

Iran seizes 20 tonnes of drugs since March

NICOSIA (R) — A senior anti-drug officer said Monday Iranian agents had seized more than 20 tonnes of drugs since March. Tehran radio reported. He said 7,000 drug traffickers had been arrested and 150 smuggling rings smashed since a campaign was launched in June, said the radio, monitored in Cyprus.

No deaths in Algerian earthquake

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — An earthquake centered about 50 kilometers off the coast of Algeria in the Mediterranean sea shook the capital and surrounding provincial towns Monday, causing several injuries and some damage, officials said. Algeria's Centre for Research in Astronomy, Astrophysics and Geophysics said the quake struck at 11:14 a.m. (1014 GMT) and registered 5.4 on the Richter scale. It lasted about 10 seconds. The interior ministry issued a statement Monday night saying the quake caused no deaths, but that preliminary reports indicated 27 people had been injured.

Police expel protesters from parliament

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Police expelled about 50 relatives of leftist inmates from the parliament building Monday at the end of a seven-hour sit-in to protest conditions in Turkish prisons. The protesters, who occupied the governing Motherland Party's meeting hall, had said they would remain until the government lifted some of the rules at high-security prisons. However, police later ejected the protesters from the building and threatened to detain them, the semi-official Anatolia news agency said. It said the demonstrators were released after intense negotiations between police and deputies representing the main opposition Social Democrat Populist Party.

Algeria releases riot prisoners

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — The justice ministry, acting at the direction of President Chadli Benjedid, decided in favour of the provisional release of all people arrested during the riots earlier this month, the official news agency reported Monday. According to Algeria Presse Service, the decision was taken "in application of the orientations received from the president and on the

occasion of the 34th anniversary of Nov. 1, 1954." It was on that date that the Algerian revolution began, resulting in independence from France eight years later. The number of people released was not revealed. Earlier, an unstated number of minors was set free.

U.S. congressmen warn Turkey

WASHINGTON (AP) — Members of Congress have warned the president of Turkey that a meeting with visiting Austrian President Kurt Waldheim would damage his country's ties with the United States. In a telegram to President Kenan Evren, six members of the house subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East said they were "appalled and shocked at the news that Kurt Waldheim will be received by you early in November."

U.S., Greece resume talks on bases

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States and Greece Monday resumed negotiations on the future of American military bases in Greece, the State Department said. There was no deadline for the talks, the 11th round in the current base negotiations between the two allies, but past sessions have lasted about two weeks. Previous negotiations with Athens "have been marked by progress and we would hope that pattern continues," the State Department said in a statement. Washington maintains four major air force and naval bases in Greece and 20 smaller facilities.

Israeli woman votes for dead person, flees

TEL AVIV (R) — An Israeli woman was arrested after trying to vote in Tuesday's general election with the identity card of a dead person but escaped when ultra-orthodox Jews bundled her into a waiting car, Israel Radio reported. Israeli newspapers reported that ultra-orthodox Jews, who have their own religious parties, were trying to boost their share of the vote by using identity cards of the dead and of supporters abroad. Under Israeli law citizens outside the country, including diplomats, may not vote.

S. Arabia condemns murder of diplomat

RIYADH (R) — Saudi Arabia praised Turkey Monday for its efforts to find the killer of one of its diplomats in Ankara last week. A statement after the weekly cabinet meeting, read on Riyadh television, condemned the murder of second secretary Abdul Ghani Beddawi and expressed "deep appreciation for efforts exerted by Turkey to find and punish the one who performed the crime." Beddawi, who was in charge of administrative affairs at the Saudi embassy, was shot dead as he walked up the steps to his home last week.

Syrian killed in shootout with Hizboallah

BEIRUT (R) — A Syrian sergeant was killed Tuesday in a shootout between Syrian troops and militiamen of the pro-Iranian Hizboallah (Party of God) in west Beirut, police said. They said the battle erupted when Syrian soldiers tried to arrest a member of Hizboallah. "Friends of the wanted man immediately opened fire at the Syrian troops, killing their sergeant," a security source told Reuters. He said the Hizboallah man fled with his comrades and the Syrians detained his father. A Syrian soldier and a Lebanese policeman were wounded Monday when a gunman fired at their checkpoint in Beirut's southern suburbs.

U.N. envoy holds talks in Beirut

BEIRUT (AP) — United Nations envoy Jean-Claude Aime held talks with Lebanese officials Tuesday to see what the world body could do to help arrange presidential elections and avert formal partition of the country. Aime flew by helicopter to west Beirut from Naqoura, a border town that houses the headquarters of the United Nations peacekeeping force in South Lebanon. Aime, a Haitian, refused to talk to reporters after holding separate meetings with acting Prime Minister Salim Hoss, who heads the caretaker cabinet in the split government, and Parliament speaker Hussein Hussami. The U.N. envoy later crossed Beirut's dividing green line for talks with Michel Aoun, who heads the military cabinet. He also made no comment.

Bush optimistic about hostage release

WASHINGTON (R) — Vice President George Bush said Monday he was guardedly optimistic that the American hostages in Lebanon would be released.

"I've got to be careful, but I'm a little bit optimistic about them letting these hostages out," the Republican presidential candidate said, referring to a videotaped message from hostage Terry Anderson released Monday in Beirut.

In Los Angeles, President Reagan said he believed the message was written by Anderson's captors, and he called on groups holding U.S. hostages to release them.

Bush, interviewed on NBC television, said he thought the chances for the release of nine Americans held by pro-fundamentalist groups in Lebanon were improved by the Iran-Iraq ceasefire.

"I think it's in Iran's interest — though they don't hold the hostages — to do what they can to encourage their release," said Bush, who is seeking to succeed Reagan in the White House in the November 8 election.

"It would set whoever's elected president a good tone for the possibility of improved relations" between Iran and the United States, the vice president said.

"I am not asking Reagan to deal with terrorists, although Mr. Bush did so in the contra affair and TWA hijacking," Anderson said on the tape.

Hijackers of a TWA plane to Beirut in 1985 secured the release of 766 Lebanese and Palestinian prisoners from Israeli jails in exchange for some 40 American passengers.

"No," Reagan said when asked whether Bush had engaged in talks with terrorists. "Now was I because we were never doing anything of that kind."

Bush was not asked about the Iran-contra affair in which he has said he was "out of the loop" of those involved in the White House. Reagan has denied the United States was trying to trade arms with Iran to obtain the hostages' release.

President Reagan, asked about the videotape of Anderson, the Middle East bureau chief for the Associated Press, told reporters, "I don't think that was Terry speaking. I think he had a script that was given to him."

"Although in recent years fewer people have been detained than in the years immediately after the coup, Amnesty International believes that any person who is detained on political grounds is in great danger of being tortured."

An official at Turkey's London embassy acknowledged that cases of torture had occurred, but said opponents of the government had exaggerated the scale of the abuses.

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UNITED NATIONS (Agencies)

Afghan Prime Minister Hassan Sharq will visit the United Nations this week to discuss national reconciliation and strengthen his government's standing, the Afghan U.N. mission said Monday.

Anti-government Afghan guerrillas, meanwhile, planned a diplomatic counter-offensive at the United Nations and were expected to discuss formation of a rebel government.

Last April in Geneva, Pakistan and Afghanistan, with the United States and Soviet Union as guarantors, signed a U.N.-sponsored agreement calling for a political settlement and withdrawal of an estimated 100,000 Soviet troops.

The Security Council was to meet Monday to discuss Afghanistan and was expected to formalise the 50-man U.N. observer force which is monitoring the Soviet withdrawal.

The Soviet Union and Afghanistan repeatedly have accused Pakistan of violating the Geneva accords by arming and training U.S.-supported Afghan guerrillas.

On Thursday, for the ninth consecutive year, the General Assembly will adopt a resolution on Afghanistan. But this year it is expected to take a more conciliatory tone in view of the Soviet troop withdrawal.

These aircraft are of a type not previously introduced into Afghanistan," he told reporters. Diplomats in Afghanistan report the MiG-27s "are being used in an effort to stem the Mujahideen advance on Kandahar. We view this augmentation of Soviet firepower in Afghanistan with grave concern," he added.

Undersecretary of State Michael Armacost scheduled a meeting with Soviet Ambassador Yuri Duhinov for later Monday to discuss the issues.

Washington said when the accord were signed it would continue to finance the Afghan rebels as long as Moscow subsidised Kabul.

Though Washington still expects the Soviets to meet the deadline, U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar told the French daily Le Figaro that Moscow and Kabul were showing signs of nervousness on the agreement.

Torture, brutal rights abuses continue in Turkey — Amnesty

LONDON (R) — Amnesty International accused Turkey on Wednesday of brutal and systematic human rights abuses and said political prisoners were in grave danger of being tortured.

The London-based human rights group said more than a quarter of a million people had been arrested on political grounds in Turkey since a military coup in 1980 and most had been tortured.

"Although Turkey returned to civilian rule some five years ago, the government has failed to ensure that human rights are protected," Amnesty said in a report.

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An agriculture ministry official said the swarms have moved across the Gulf from Saudi Arabia and Kuwait and swarmed into Iran's Bushehr port, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported Tuesday.

IRNA, citing reports by Iranian agriculture ministry officials in Bushehr, said planes were prepared to begin spraying operations.

An agriculture ministry official said the swarm was relatively small and could be fought by ground teams spraying insecticides.

The official said the government sent 612 police officers and prison guards for trial up to and including the first half of 1987 in connection with human rights abuses.

"There is a clear-cut intention on the part of the government to wipe this menace out," he said.

Amnesty said there were cases of young men and women being tortured in front of each other and parents in front of their children. In one case, three members of a banned political group were forced to hold hands and undergo electric shock torture.

During a visit to Ahvaz in Iran's southern province of Khuzestan, the official said Iran had offered to help Gulf states fight the locusts, IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, reported.

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"Common forms of torture reported include systematic beatings, 'falaka' (sustained beating of the soles of the feet with truncheons), hanging by the wrists, electric shocks, sexual assault and deprivation of food, drink and sleep," Amnesty said.

It said it had reports of five prisoners who died under torture.

They included Emin Ozkaya, a diabetic 13-year-old boy who died in hospital after being held for three days in a police station on suspicion of stealing. An autopsy found his back, knees, hands and feet were bruised and swollen.

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THE MISSION

New 5-year Saudi plan aims at replacing foreign workers

BAHRAIN (R) — Saudi Arabia unveiled the outline of a five-year development plan which aims to replace foreign workers with Saudis, but diplomats said Tuesday the goal appeared hard to meet.

They said the government would not find it easy to reduce the expatriate workforce. "There will be no decrease in the number of foreigners without a deterioration in services," said one Western diplomat.

The outline of the new five-year plan, released in a statement after a cabinet meeting Monday night, gave new firm details.

It indicated a continued emphasis on defence spending, improvements in government efficiency, encouragement of the private sector and increased regional development.

"The objectives are much the same as those in the last five-year plan," a Saudi government official told Reuters by telephone. "What is different is that the government will be better able to implement them."

He said the full plan would be issued in six to eight months' time and it would take effect in August at the beginning of the Islamic year 1410.

"The last development plan wasn't followed too closely," he said. "Before, the country was working on building its infrastruc-

ture. We now have the time to sit back and shape the economy."

Diplomats said that, despite a commitment in the last plan to reduce foreign workers by 600,000 the total number appeared to have risen by as much as 200,000 in the last five years to between three and 3.5 million.

But many higher-paid Westerners were replaced by workers from the Third World as government and company budgets were squeezed by falling oil revenues.

The outline, carried by the official Saudi Press Agency, made no mention of measures that might be taken, but said the private sector would be encouraged to employ Saudis.

It said the government would also study ways to increase state revenues "so long as this does not lead to undesirable social or economic effects nor affect the interests of citizens."

Oil revenues, Saudi Arabia's main source of income, has fallen by nearly half since 1983 to a projected 74 billion riyals (\$20 billion) in 1988.

The government has predicted

a 1988 budget deficit of 35.9 billion riyals (\$9.6 billion) for 1988.

Oil production hits new peak

In another field, oil industry sources said Tuesday that Saudi Arabia boosted its oil output to a peak of seven million barrels per day (b/d) in the last week of October in an effort to force OPEC to accept a new production pact.

Saudi output averaged 5.55 million b/d for the whole of October, compared with 4.9 million b/d in September and a quota of 4.343 million b/d set by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), they said.

"Saudi Arabia seems determined to apply the bitter medicine to OPEC until others agree to new output levels," said one oil industry executive, noting that a glut caused by high OPEC production hurt the kingdom least of all the group's members.

The sources said Saudi Arabia was apparently flooding the market in advance of a meeting of oil ministers from the 13 OPEC countries in Vienna from Nov. 21 to consider a new pact on output and prices.

Low prices have already caused financial hardship to some members and Middle East benchmark oil in 23 American states.

Some executives cautioned that, even if OPEC agreed in Vienna to cut output, Saudi Arabia as the world's largest oil exporter might find it difficult to slow down production in December.

The sources said a steep rise in Saudi exports was the main reason behind the jump in output to seven million b/d in the last week of October from 5.3 million in the previous week.

They said the kingdom's tanker chartering company Vela had hired about a dozen supertankers to load crude oil in November, mostly for storage, and output would thus be high this month.

Saudi Arabia will also ship about 600,000 b/d of oil to the United States in November as part of an agreement with oil giant Texaco to refine and market oil in 23 American states.

AMMAN (Petra) — Transport and Telecommunications Minister Khaled Al Haj Hassan Tuesday stressed the need for observing the recent government measures on the use of cars and called for economizing in various expenditure items, including procurements and supplies. In a circular to the ministry's various departments and institutions, he called on directors to implement carefully the Prime Minister's regulations in this regard. He added that the expenditures should be in line with the allocations and that they should not exceed them. Procurements and supplies should also be kept to the minimum that is sufficient to meet the needs and to ensure the continuous operations and services, the circular emphasized.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

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Kanaan meets Canadian delegation

AMMAN (Petra) — Planning Minister Taher Kanaan Tuesday voiced Jordan's interest in enhancing scopes of commercial and economic cooperation with Canada. Kanaan was speaking at a meeting with a visiting Canadian trade delegation with whom he reviewed economic indicators and investment opportunities now available in Jordan. The delegation expressed special interest in cooperation with Jordan in the agricultural, tourism and educational fields.

Karak farmers receive JCO grants

KARAK (Petra) — Cooperative societies in the Karak governorate granted JD 250,000 to local farmers over the past two years according to Ferial Rababi, director of Jordan Cooperative Organisation (JCO) department here. She said that in the past two years, the JCO set up two agricultural stations in Rahbeh and Ghweir to improve agricultural output and supplied farmers with farm equipment in addition to having set up centres and warehouses to store crops. Rababi said that her department also provided farmers with fertilisers, improved seeds and pesticides; and helped many in their drip irrigation schemes.

Tabbaa praises Baghdad fair

BAGHDAD (Petra) — Industry and Trade Minister Hamdi Tabbaa Tuesday inspected Jordan's pavilion at the Baghdad International Fair and voiced satisfaction at the standards of the items on display. In a statement to the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, Tabbaa said that Jordan's participation in the fair shows the importance of relations between the two brotherly countries. Jordan's pavilion includes various industrial items of a high standard. Baghdad International Fair was officially opened Tuesday by Iraq's First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan deposing for Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. Ramadan said that the wide Arab and international participation in this year's fair demonstrates the strong relations between Iraq and the Arab and international worlds.

IDB grants 8 loans worth JD 2m

AMMAN (Petra) — The Industrial Development Bank (IDB) Tuesday approved granting eight loans worth JD 2,027,000 to finance a number of new industries. These loans bring the number and value of loans which the bank granted since the beginning of this year to 76 loans worth JD 5,052,000 respectively. The new credits include a loan for JD 1 million to partly finance the construction of a new factory for carpet and moquette and six loans for JD 997,000 to finance purchase of raw materials for existing industries, in addition to a JD 30,000 tourist loan.

U.N. shipping code comes under review

Major shipping nations that are not members include Australia, Canada, United States, Japan, and Liberia.

Latif Mohan Singh Rajwar, managing director of the Shipping Corporation of India, was elected chairman of the review session. He said delegates faced a complex task and would need to be flexible in considering possible amendments to the code.

Delegates said industrialised and developing countries differed over the role governments should play in implementing the code. Developed states favoured leaving implementation largely to commercial partners involved, while Third World nations generally advocated active government involvement.

Another divergence arose over developing country arguments, opposed by advanced countries, that cargo-sharing provisions of the code should apply also to lines that were not members of conferences, delegates said.

AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

	Tuesday Nov. 1, 1988	
	Central Bank official rates	Central Bank official rates
	Buy	Sell
U.S. dollar	447.0	449.0
Pound Sterling	791.3	792.3
Deutschmark	250.3	251.6
Swiss franc	296.9	298.4
French franc	73.3	73.7
Japanese yen (for 100)	356.5	358.3
Dutch guilder	221.9	223.0
Swedish crown	72.3	72.7
Italian lira (for 100)	33.7	33.9
Belgian franc (for 10)	119.4	120.0

AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

	Activity on the Amman Financial Market for Nov. 1, 1988.	Number	Volume	Contracts
Regular market:		774235	JD 995978	919
Top three companies:				
Arab Bank Limited		1180	JD 156502	42
Arab Aluminium Industries		63992	JD 125060	92
Jordan Rock Wool Industries		91350	JD 78135	56
Parallel market:		17450	JD 10350	—
Development bonds:		4183	JD 43201	—
Treasury bills & bonds:		—	—	—

JORDAN BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Ministry of Industry and Trade	663191	Jordan Commercial Centres Corporation	603507
Ministry of Supply	60213	Free Zones Corporation	642001
Ministry of Planning	636321	Azman Financial Market	660170
Ministry of Finance	644464	Amman Chamber of Commerce	66151
Ministry of Labour	63631	Amman Chamber of Industry	64747
Ministry of Communications	63291	Association of Banks in Jordan	662233
Ministry of Agriculture	639391	Jordan Association of Insurance Companies	647370
Income Tax Department	660151	General Statistics Department	846171
Central Bank of Jordan	630301	Jordan Industrial Estates Corporation	680663
Animal Customs Department	772181	Jordanian Businessmen Association	680663
Social Security Corporation	643004		
Zurqieh	721194		

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

London (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Tuesday.	
One Sterling	1.7655/65
One U.S. dollar	1.2245/60
	1.7892/7902
2.0175/85	
1.5053/60	Dutch guilders
37.47/50	Swiss francs
6.1050/1100	Belgian francs
1229/1330	French francs
125.48/58	Italian lire
6.1850/1900	Japanese yen
6.6430/80	Swedish crowns
6.8900/50	Norwegian crowns
411.10/411.60	Danish crowns
	U.S. dollars

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — Australian stocks closed easier after a slow day, highlighted only by a halt in trading for the Melbourne Cup horse race won by Empire Rose. The All Ordinaries index eased 2.3 to 1,584.6.
TOKYO — Prices drifted through the day in moderate trading, but ended just above the resistance line of 28,000 and were higher for the seventh straight day. The Nikkei index rose 31.13 to 28,013.67.
HONG KONG — Prices closed lower in sluggish trading. The Hang Seng index fell 11.98 to 2,615.43.
SINGAPORE — Prices closed slightly easier across the board on lack of institutional interest in light profit-taking in listed trading. The Straits Times Industrial index eased 6.60 to 1,032.67.
BOMBAY — Share prices recovered sharply on fresh buying by state-owned financial institutions after a week-long slide. Tata steel rallied 22.5 rupees to 985.

FRANKFURT — German share prices closed firmer on the Frankfurt Bourse, boosted by the dollar's firmer tone after central bank intervention. The Real-Time 30-share DAX index closed at 1,310.79, 10.00 points above Monday's close.

ZURICH — Swiss shares closed steady in moderate trading, lifted slightly by Monday's fairly steady Wall Street close and a stronger dollar. The Swiss index rose 4.1 points to 940.5.

PARIS — French stock markets were closed Monday and Tuesday for the All Saints' day holidays.

LONDON — Equities showed a firmer bias at midsession with some speculative issues moving ahead quite strongly ahead of Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson's economic statement. By 1200 GMT, the FTSE index had gained 6.2 points to 1,538.6.

NEW YORK — Wall Street stocks showed little overall change in early trading. The Dow was up four at 2153.

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Sports

Basketball season begins Friday

NEW YORK (AP) — Starting Friday at Dallas, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar of the Los Angeles Lakers will begin his 20th and final National Basketball Association season, and the Lakers will open their bid for a third straight title.

"The only team to win at least three straight titles is the Boston Celtics. The Celtics actually exceeded that goal. In 1966, they won for the eighth consecutive year."

"Last year spoke for itself," Lakers coach Pat Riley said. "I feel strongly about the Lakers this year, but there may be 10 teams with a chance to win it all. But the Lakers aren't tired of winning, and the winning will continue."

New teams in the NBA this year will be the Charlotte Hornets in North Carolina and the Miami Heat in Florida.

Also new to the NBA will be a third game official, a move designed to improve court coverage, especially away from the ball, where most on-court scruffles begin.

New Golden State coach Don Nelson was impressed with the 1988-89 version of the Lakers in pre-season.

Tyson, Ali, receive special awards

from World Boxing Council

"Ali is the greatest but I'm the best."

MEXICO CITY (AP) — World heavyweight champion Mike Tyson and former champ Muhammad Ali received special awards Monday at the opening of the World Boxing Council's annual meeting.

"We have with us the man who became for a time the most important and best recognised person on earth," said WBC President Jose Sulaiman, who presented a large gold plate to Ali.

"We honour ourselves by giving him this award."

Sulaiman gave Tyson a special championship belt, solid gold decorated with a few jewels here and there, as recognition of his spectacular rise to the top of the boxing world.

"When I was a kid I had dreams, I saw myself getting a gold belt. I dreamed of champions like Ali, Robin Olivares and Jose Napoles," said Tyson. "They all had gold belts, and I wanted one too. I'm thrilled."

"We're glad Mike Tyson has

added a new dimension to the Lakers," Nelson said after the Lakers whipped the Warriors on consecutive nights. "I want to warn the League how good the Lakers are."

"We always emphasise team effort. That's what's kept us successful," Abdul-Jabbar said.

Abdul-Jabbar, the all-time NBA leader in points, games, minutes, field goals made and attempted and blocked shots, will be 42 by the time the regular season ends in April.

"I'm not going to use Kareem's last year as a psychological ploy to get the team motivated to win," Riley said. "The natural desire to win isn't enough in the NBA because every player in the league wants to win. So we have to find another reason to win again."

Riley, who guaranteed after winning in 1987 that the Lakers would win another title in 1988, isn't going that route again.

"The guarantee did serve a purpose of identifying a goal for us, but it removed all the emphasis of winning in 1987," Abdul-Jabbar said. "As for this season, you never know how much you'll want it."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Wandering boxing champ faces protests

LONDON (R) — The threat of a staff walkout is jeopardising South African Brian Mitchell's sixth defence of his World Boxing Association (WBA) junior-lightweight crown Wednesday. Forced by WBA rules to hold all his title fights outside his own racially divided country, Mitchell's clash with British challenger Jim McDonnell has already survived a local council's attempted ban. But the bout is now under fresh threat following an announcement by staff at the South Lodox Veue that they will refuse to work in protest at the South African's presence. Chris Humphreys, local official of the National Union of Public Employees (NUPE), said Tuesday staff would stage an anti-apartheid demonstration outside the leisure centre instead of working. "The workers will down tools because they would be in breach of contract by involving themselves in a show including a South African," he said.

E.C. championship opens in Antwerp

ANTWERP (AP) — The one million dollar European Community Tennis Championship opened Monday in Antwerp, with top seeds including Czech Ivan Lendl, Australian Pat Cash, American Jimmy Connors, Tim Mayotte and John McEnroe. Austrian Horst Skoff gave the start, easily defeating Senegal's Yaya Dumbuya 6-2, 6-2 in the first match of the first round. He will play against second seed Tim Mayotte in the second round. Swiss Claudio Mezzadri still even more easily beat French Jerome Poter 6-1, 6-1. He will meet Soviet Andrei Chesnokov in the second round.

UEFA fine Galatasaray after pitch invasion

GENEVA (R) — Turkish soccer club Galatasaray, whose supporters invaded the pitch and stopped a European Cup match for 10 minutes, were fined \$13,500 Monday. The fine was imposed by the European Football Union (UEFA) for incidents during last week's Champions' Cup tie between Swiss side Neuchatel Xamax and Galatasaray. UEFA said in a statement after a control and disciplinary committee meeting in Zurich that the pitch invasion by Galatasaray fans came midway through the second half of the second-round first-leg match.

Tottenham heads Europe's fallen soccer teams

LONDON (AP) — At White Hart Lane, the chant used to be "glory, glory, hallelujah, the spurs go marching on." With one of the most famous names in the game and a flashy, attacking style, Tottenham Hotspur was heading back toward the top of English soccer.

When Venables took charge in October 1987, Tottenham had just been rocked by the resignation of David Pleat over allegations about his private life.

With one victory in nine matches this season and seven wins in its last 32 league games, the Spurs — one of just three clubs this century to win the English league and FA Cup in the same season and a third-place club just two seasons ago — are dead last in Division One.

Their plight is mirrored by other fallen giants of European soccer, such as Etoile Frankfurt of West Germany and St. Etienne of France. But none of them has fallen so far, so fast as the club of the crowning Cockerell, whose motto is "audere est facere" ("To dare is to do").

Tottenham is one of those special clubs," said Terry Venables, described as a soccer messiah who would lead the club to a string of titles when he was brought in as manager one year ago. "That's why it deserves better."

Tottenham, which won the European Cup Winners Cup in 1963 and is a three-time UEFA Cup champion, is not the only European giant struggling to recapture the glory days.

Others

Eintracht Frankfurt, one of only four West German clubs never to be relegated, is at the bottom of its domestic league. St. Etienne, a major European force in the 1960 and 1970s, recently climbed back to the top French league after two years in the second division, but is in danger of being relegated again.

Ajax of Amsterdam, a three-time European Champions Cup winner and the 1986-7 Cup Winners Cup titlist, fired its five-member management team in September after slipping to 13th in the Dutch league.

They followed the departures of two Ajax managers, Kurt Liner, who left because of poor performances, and the club's former midfield virtuoso Johan Cruyff, who resigned over accusations that his style of leadership was too authoritarian.

Euro Juventus of Italy, nicknamed "the old lady" because of its dignified, respected past, is struggling after a sixth-place finish last season, a tragedy by the Turin team's high standards.

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His manager, Umberto Branchini, said he will fly to New York Thursday to negotiate with Tyson's manager, Bill Clayton, for a title fight the U.S. party would like to stage in the 80,000-seat Meazza soccer stadium of Milan.

The Tyson-Damiani bout would be held June 1989, following Tyson's defence against Britain's Frank Bruno, tentatively.

European champ 'condemned' to fight Tyson

MILAN (AP) — European Heavyweight Champion Francesco Damiani said his victory Saturday night against American Tyrell Biggs agreed Biggs could not continue. But Dr. Mauro Sturia stopped the fight in the fifth round with Biggs bleeding heavily from a severe cut on the right eyebrow — the same injured in the two fights last year with Lorenzo Boyd and Tyson.

"I'm not frightened or resigned in advance, but I'm aware that I am going to face a great, hard-hitting champion who is reputedly unbeatable at present," Damiani said after stopping Biggs in the bout billed as a semifinal for the World Heavyweight

title.

Biggs, 27, of Philadelphia, had sought to earn a rematch with Tyson by defeating the 30-year-old Italian. But Dr. Mauro Sturia stopped the fight in the fifth round with Biggs bleeding heavily from a severe cut on the right eyebrow — the same injured in the two fights last year with Lorenzo Boyd and Tyson.

Although the cut required 11 stitches, Biggs insisted after the match that Sturia stopped the fight too soon.

"I fought and won bleeding from eyebrow cuts. The doctor took a hurried decision, possibly because we were fighting in Italy," said Biggs,

whose record fell to 15-2.

But Sturia denied he helped Damiani and said referee John Coyle agreed Biggs could not continue.

"I took the only possible action, which was the end of the fight. The cut was deep and serious," he said.

Damiani, who is undefeated as a professional, extended his winning streak to 22 with the victory Saturday in Milan.

He had lost to Biggs in three amateur, three-round fights including the 1984 Olympic finals in Los Angeles.

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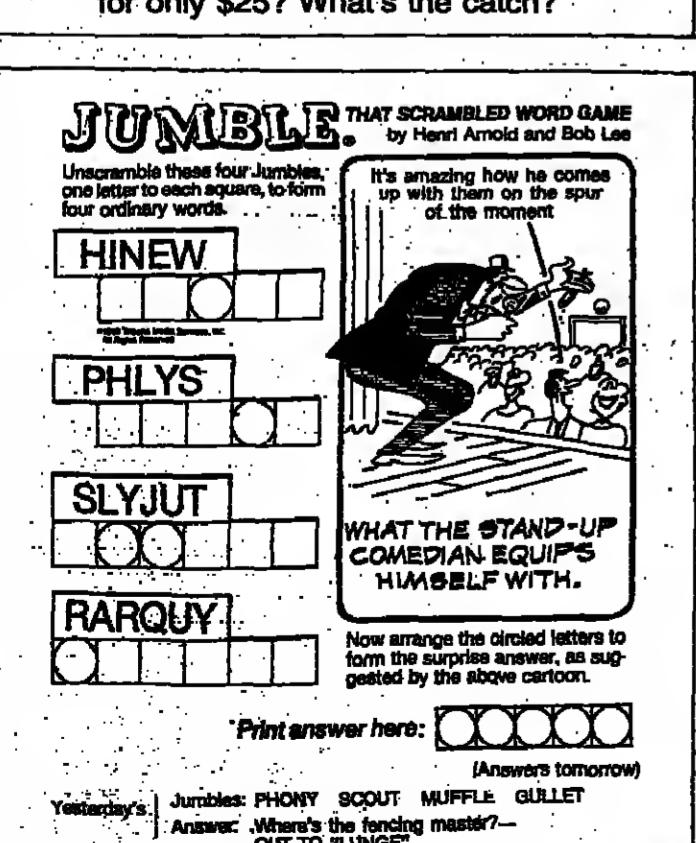


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Pretoria ready for Namibia deal

JOHANNESBURG (Agencies) — South Africa is ready to close a deal with Cuba and Angola linking Namibian independence next August to the final withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola two years later, government sources said Tuesday.

The sources told Reuters that negotiators were waiting for word from Cuba on an American proposal to break a three-week deadlock in peace negotiations. If it comes they would fly to Geneva for what could be a final bargaining session.

"They were all set to go to Switzerland yesterday, but we did not get the word we had expected," one source said Tuesday.

Nov. 1, the tentatively-set date for the start of a seven-month run-up to independence in South African-ruled Namibia, passed without a reciprocal agreement to send an estimated 52,000 Cuban troops from Angola.

The focus is now Jan. 1, which under the U.S. proposal would mean independence for Namibia Aug. 1 and departure of the last Cuban soldier from Angola by

ment, said "personally, I am not convinced of South Africa's sincerity and I think they are hoping to shift the responsibility for a breakdown to the other side and may be hoping for something to happen to rescue them from their commitment."

Kozonguizi is one of several members of the transitional government who oppose South Africa's apartheid policies of racial separation but have been blocked by Pretoria in attempts to end such practices in the territory.

South Africa and the combined Cuban-Angolan forces have been observing a ceasefire since Aug. 8, and there have been no reports of violations.

South Africa withdrew its troops at the end of August from Angola, where they were fighting alongside the UNITA rebels in a 13-year-old civil war.

UNITA has not been involved in the peace talks and continues to fight in Angola.

Newspaper silenced

The government banned the *Weekly Mail* newspaper for four

weeks Tuesday, silencing one of its most outspoken and influential critics.

The ban, imposed by Home Affairs Minister Stoffel Botha, was the most serious move Pretoria has taken against the anti-apartheid press since imposing a state of emergency in June, 1986.

The independent, Johannesburg-based newspaper, read mainly by white liberals, has frequently embarrassed the authorities with exposés of police brutality and injustices in black townships.

His statement said the newspaper had ignored warnings not to publish so-called subversive material.

The *Mail*, which runs under the slogan "no news is bad news" — might have persuaded Botha not to impose a full, three-month ban.

Mail co-editor Irwin Manoim said the newspaper had been bracing for a three-month suspension.

"We are pretty sure we can survive this. We have had 13 months to mull over this possibility," he told Reuters.



Argentina confirms jail terms for junta leaders

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Argentina turned another page in the Falklands saga Monday, jailing until 1996 the military leaders blamed for the country's humiliating defeat in its 1982 war with Britain.

The federal appeals court upheld a 12-year sentence handed down by a military tribunal in 1984 for former President Leopoldo Galtieri and issued new 12-year sentences for Admiral Jorge Anaya and Brigadier Basilio Lami Dozo.

It found the three guilty of negligence and incompetence which reduced the effectiveness of Argentina's armed forces.

The Supreme Court of Justice is expected to ratify the civil court's ruling which the defendants' lawyers said they would appeal.

The ruling fell short of federal prosecutor Luis Moreno Ocampo's request for stiffer terms, including 20 years for Galtieri.

The 1984 military tribunal had handed down sentences of 14 and eight years to Anaya and Lami Dozo respectively, after giving a 12-year term for Galtieri.

But the appeals court said it was sentencing the three to equal jail terms because they held equal responsibility for Argentina's defeat.

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Wedding cake monument reopened

ROME (R) — The Victor Emmanuel Monument, one of Rome's most conspicuous and controversial pieces of architecture, opened to the public Saturday for the first time since a bomb exploded on its steps in 1969.

The tiered white marble edifice towers over Rome's central Piazza Venezia like a giant wedding cake or typewriter and was inaugurated in 1911 in honour of the unification of Italy by King Victor Emmanuel II. The monument, which also houses the altar of the nation, the tomb of the unknown soldier and a museum, was reopened by Defence Minister Valerio Zanone after partial restoration.

Hammer gets decorated

PARIS (AP) — Culture Minister Jack Lang has decorated U.S. industrialist Armand Hammer, known for his role as an "ambassador" between the Soviet Union and the West. Hammer was made commander of Arts and Letters, one of France's highest awards for contributions to the arts, in a ceremony in the gilded salons of the French Culture Ministry.

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China has 3,765 centenarians

PEKING (AP) — China has 3,765 people 100 years old or older among its population of one billion, the official Xinhua news agency says, quoting the "People's Life" journal. The report said there are 228 Chinese between 110 and 119, and 36 older than 120. The oldest, who was not identified, is 130, it said. It said 2,657 of the centenarians are women.

Couple plunges into marriage

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A Pittsburgh couple fell in love, then fell into marriage, plunging 914.4 metres by parachute to their wedding site. "Is this what I envisioned?" No, I envisioned Saint Mary's church in Warren, Ohio," said Joann Nardo, mother of the bride. Sabrina Nardo, 31, a graphic artist, and Edwin "Eddy" Boehm, 33, chef and manager of a Pittsburgh restaurant, met while skydiving four years ago. For their nuptials, they jumped from an airplane and landed in the park in downtown Pittsburgh, where they exchanged vows in an outdoor ceremony. The bride wore a satin jumpsuit, which converted into a gown. She replaced her beaded jump cap with a veil and put on makeup after landing.

Escaped prisoner scores goal

LONDON (R) — An escaped prisoner scored a goal in an amateur soccer match and kept on running — straight off the field — after spotting police on the sidelines. Convicted robber George Graham failed to return to a low-security prison at the end of a one-day parole in September. But life on the run did not stop him joining the amateur Camp Hill team in the British midlands and scoring two goals in a 7-1 win over King's crusaders Monday. He did not stay to savour victory. An amateur league official said Graham netted the ball and kept running: Through a hedge, down a lane, over a gate and across some gardens before disappearing.

British, French take prizes at film festival

VALLADOLID, Spain (AP) — The British film "Distant Voices Still Live," directed by Terence Davies, won the top prize for best film Saturday at the 33rd Valladolid International Film Week Festival. An international jury at the festival in this northern Spanish town chose the British director's fourth film, about a British farming family, as the winner of the Golden Stalk Award from a field of 15 official entrants. The jury also awarded the prize for the best photography to William Diver and Patrick Duval for their work on "Distant Voices Still Live." The second prize, known as the Silver Stalk, went to French film director Claude Chabrol's "Une Affaire de Femmes," starring French actress Isabelle Huppert, who also won the prize for best actress.

Walesa: Gdansk closure political



WARSAW (R) — Solidarity leader Lech Walesa has accused Poland's leaders trying to torpedo talks on the country's future by announcing closure of the Lenin shipyard in Gdansk — his banned union's birthplace.

Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski defended the closure of the loss-making yard on economic grounds but Walesa said the announcement of the decision Monday was a provocation against the stalled "round-table" talks with Solidarity.

Polish leader General Wojciech Jaruzelski said Monday the talks were imperative for Poland, which is facing economic crisis. But the row appeared to dim even further the chances of the talks starting after a delay of more than two weeks.

"The premier's decision may be regarded as a political provocation aimed against the idea of agreement and the round-table," Walesa said.

"If this is how we are going to approach things, I see no sense in the round-table. If they pull such stunts ahead of the talks, we have nothing to talk about," he added.

Walesa, who works as an electrician at the shipyard and is one

of 11,000 people who face losing their jobs after the yard closes Dec. 1, suggested workers could run the shipyard on a self-management basis. He gave no details of the idea.

He said the workers would fight the decision, announced two days before British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher arrives on a three-day visit during which she will meet Walesa in Gdansk.

Rakowski denied the decision was a political act against Solidarity or the yard where strikes in 1980 gave rise to the communist world's first independent trade union and was a focus of widespread strikes in May and August this year.

"If you want to make the economy healthy you have to start with very strong measures," he said in an interview, adding that more closures would follow in efforts to streamline the economy.

Court kills Japanese internment lawsuit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court Monday killed a lawsuit against the government stemming from the World War II mass detention of Japanese-Americans in U.S. prison camps.

The court, without comment, left intact rulings that veterans of the internment camps waited too long to file suit seeking compensation for property losses.

Congress and the administration of President Ronald Reagan officially acknowledged this year that the Japanese-Americans were treated unjustly.

Reagan signed legislation Aug. 10 that provided a \$20,000 tax-free payment to each of some 60,000 survivors among the 120,000 U.S. citizens and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry who were placed in the camps.

Noting that the detainees were forced to leave their homes and placed in concentration camps for up to four years. Reagan said the reparations had "less to do with honour."

The bill calls for a \$1.2 billion fund, with appropriations in any one year to be no more than \$500 million.

But the new law did not make the case acted Monday by the Supreme Court a dead issue. The legislation allowed anyone who does not seek reparations from the fund to pursue the lawsuit.

The Reagan administration opposed the suit on grounds the statute of limitations, or deadline, for filing such court claims has long since passed.

The detainees argued the deadline should be suspended because the government's deception in concealing the real reason for the internment — racism rather than military necessity — was not exposed until decades after the war ended.

U.S. makes conciliatory gestures to N. Korea

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States Monday announced conciliatory gestures towards North Korea intended to support South Korea's initiative to reduce tensions on the divided Asian peninsula.

State Department Spokesman Charles Redman said the overtures included permission for U.S. diplomats to renew substantive contacts with North Korean counterparts and a relaxation of travel restrictions between the two countries.

Also, the United States will allow limited North Korean purchases of humanitarian supplies to be determined by the Commerce Department and expected to include food and medicines. At present only U.S. donations of humanitarian items, not sales, are permitted.

Washington, which does not have diplomatic relations with Pyongyang, will not remove North Korea from its list of "terrorist states" or lift decades-old economic sanctions that have brought trade between the two countries to a virtual halt, Redman said.

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